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Information.

1. Between 8 and 21 September 1954, the installations of the Wittenberg post were occupied as previously. Intensive traffic by messengers was almost daily observed between the post and the Markendorf summer camp. It was undetermined when the units were to return. The Beseler Kaserne (3584) and the Flak Kaserne (3533) were occupied by major guard details, which were also in charge of guard duty at a former ammunition depot near Teucheler Anger, an equipment depot near the Lerchenberg settlement and the Arado installation which had been prepared for Soviet families but was unoccupied. The Tauntzien Kaserne (3531) was occupied by a hospital and an officers' club. 1

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2. At 0630 on 15 September, a rail shipment with 6 x 76-mm AA guns and 20 trucks passed through Wittenberg. It came from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeded toward Dessau. At 0930 on 16 September, a rail shipment with 4 x 76-mm AA guns, 24 trucks, 3 field guns and 14 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen en route toward Jueterbog. It came from the direction of Halle. 2

1. Comment. The bulk of the 6th Gds Tank Div was confirmed in Camp Werder-Markendorf near Jueterbog until late September. According to other information, the Arado installation had been occupied by an U/1 Tank Bn until 31 August. The battalion may have been transferred to training grounds. The reconstruction of the entire installation for Soviet families is reported for the first time. The 120th Gds Eng Bn which, along with other units and the division headquarters, is stationed in the Tauntzien Kaserne, was observed in the Apollensdorf engineer camp on 31 August.

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2. Comment. In late September, AAA units of the Eighth Gds Army and the First Gds Mech Army transferred to Jueterbog for short-term firing practices. The trains observed probably were used in connection with these practices.

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